

Yorktown.

One hundred years ago, the eyes of a few States along the Atlantic seaboard were turned anxiously toward Little York, a small town situated on the curve of York river just above where its white current mingles with the green waters of Chesapeake bay.

Affairs had assumed a gloomy aspect. The army of the South had been defeated and driven back into Virginia, barely escaping annihilation by forced marches, and by the successful passage of the deep rivers which interest the country through which it retreated.

Virginia, the backbone of the Revolution, had been swept by two invasions; and Cornwallis, with his victorious army was marching triumphantly through her borders, trying by every means he could devise to bring his only opponent, a young French officer, to an engagement. Had "the boy" proved as reckless as the British commander believed him, the end would have come before De Grasse with his fleet anchored in the Chesapeake.

When the British prime minister received intelligence of the surrender, he threw up his hands, exclaiming: "My God it is all over!" And it was all over—America was free.—Scribner.

Incidents of the Michigan Forest Fires. The scene was more terrible than anything often known. The wind increased so as in some places to destroy buildings and actually take people off their feet, and those who saw it describe the scene as never to be forgotten.

Everywhere it is a sickening story of suffering and of roasting human flesh in every conceivable way. In some places the heat was almost incredibly intense, and the smoke was everywhere undecidable and caused many deaths by suffocation.

A remarkable thing in the story of the calamity is the presence of mind that was everywhere shown. The people were accustomed to danger from fire, many of them had been through the similar experience of 1872, and there were fewer lives lost than might have been expected.

Spontaneous Forests. A writer in West Virginia says combats the opinion held by many an agriculturist, that an open country is never converted into a forest through the operation of natural causes, and, as establishing the fact that such change does sometimes occur, brings forward the case of the Shenandoah Valley.

HOPS.

Hop Fields of Central New York—How Hops are Gathered.

The first crop of hops raised in America was grown by James D. Coolidge in the town of Madison, New York, in 1808, who collected for his hopfield what roots could be spared from single hills in his neighbors' gardens.

Hops are used in domestic bread-making, by druggists, and by bakers and distillers for yeast; but their chief market is among brewers of beer. The brewers use from one and a quarter to three pounds of hops to a barrel of beer, according as a "light" or "heavy" beer is sought.

In late years the hop harvest in Central New York begins about the 20th of August, the problem of harvesting is one of the most serious that confronts the extensive hop-grower.

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Not only the catering but the sleeping arrangements for so many hop-pickers are parts of the annual problem of the hop harvest.

The hop sections of Central New York, as the harvest nears its close, look like a limitless Indian encampment, as the twenty-foot hop-poles are stacked after picking in a manner closely resembling the frame of an aboriginal wigwam.

low creates a strongly heated current of air, that rises through the hops, drying out the moisture in its passage to the cowl. Fumes of sulphur are introduced at the same time from below to bleach the hop, that it may better suit the eye of a purchaser, and sulphur does not injure the active principle of the hop, except when used in excess.

When the hops have been spread in the drying chambers, the hop-drier lights his fire below, and watches the increasing temperature and all the thermometer changes, the draught below and the escapes above, with the vigilance of an engineer of an express train with hand on the lever, for a "seorch" or a "smudge" will utterly ruin the hop sample.

Hops may safely be classed as one of the most peculiar and interesting of American crops, and withal most profitable, where they can be raised so as to secure large yields, as in Central New York.

A Wedding in Wyoming. Camping near the town, we secured our stock and then went in. Entering the leading store, I introduced myself to Mr. Stiles, one of the proprietors and the pastor of the church.

"It is now half-past 2, and at 3 there's to be a wedding down the street at Jonas Burton's. Old Jonas is a rough old coon that we elected justice of the peace about a month ago, and as this will be his first attempt at marriage, I think we will see some fun. Come and go down with me.

"Feller citizens, this 'yar man' an' this 'yar woman have appeared before the court to be hitched in the legal bands of wedlock. If any galoot in the mob knows of anything that mout let the game of tuk to a higher court let him now tuss his bazoo or else keep his jaw to himself now and forevermore.

Among the royal mummies the oldest is King Raskasen, one of the latest monarchs of the seventeenth dynasty. According to Marlette, this dynasty ended B. C. 1763.

The Norfolk Virginian, of January 16, 1881, refers to the remarkable cure effected by St. Jacobs Oil in the case of Professor Cromwell, a student of the University of Michigan.

The Empress of Germany at Church. A letter from Baden Baden to the Springfield (Mass.) Republican says: Three weeks ago the empress of Germany with a retinue of servants came to Baden, and a week later the emperor with his suite and the whole German court arrived from Berlin.

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THE MARKETS. Beef Cattle—Market, 9 @ 11 1/2. Calves—Good to Prime Yearling, 5 @ 6 1/2.

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"See It, Buy It." Not so fast, my friend; for if you would see the strong, healthy, blooming men, women and children who have been raised from beds of sickness, suffering and almost death, by the use of Hop Bitters, you would say, "Truth, glorious truth." See "Truth" in another column.

The Lily of the Scriptures, according to the best authority, was the purple iris, the fleur de lis, a plant considered sacred to the Virgin Mary.

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Self-Defense. To a criminal neglect of preventive medicine may be ascribed a majority of the ailments which afflict humanity.

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TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION. These familiar words recall to the farmer and other interested, the usual method of disposing of stock that is not otherwise salable on account of blemishes or imperfections.

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